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One of the non-patent literature documents listed is the International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPEP") for PCT Application No. PCT/JP2003/004531. One of the documents cited in the IPEP is Perrin et al., C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Sciences de la vie, 324(12):1125-1132 (2001). The Perrin reference was submitted previously with the Information

Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 submitted October 8, 2004. Therefore, it is not submitted again and is not listed on the enclosed IDS Form PTO/SB/08.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. An English translation of each non-English document is enclosed. A copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed.

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